GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:58
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2007
SEZ FOR HERBAL PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to set up Special Export Promotion Zones in selected States in order to increase the export of herbal material and medicines from the present level of Rs.3000 crore to Rs.12000 crore by the year 2012;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of those States; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the country`s share in the world market in view of the vast potential for export of herbal products in our country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a)to(c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.58 FOR ANSWER ON 14TH AUGUST, 2007 REGARDING `SEZ FOR HERBAL PRODUCTS`

(a) & (b) : No proposals have been received for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for export of herbal materials and medicines. As and when such proposals are received, dully recommended by the concerned State Government, these would be considered subject to the provisions of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006.

(c) : Department of AYUSH has formed two sub groups for formulating Certification Scheme for standardization of export products which will give boost to export of herbal products. Also, the exports of Medicinal plants & its value added products have been covered under the Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) scheme for 5% Duty Credit Scrip. Special support is also provided under the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) & Market Access Initiatives (MAI) schemes to enable the exporters to undertake export sales promotion tour, market study & participation in foreign trade fairs. Also, special funding under the Exports Development Fund (EDF) Scheme under the ASIDE (Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports) scheme is provided for encouraging the State Governments to promote exports.